

Working Party on Regulatory Cooperation and Standardization Policies

Group of Experts on Risk Management in Regulatory Systems (GRM)

Agenda Item 5

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GRM – officers

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- Appointment of officers on 25 May 2023:
 - Chair: Alexia Davison (UK)
 - Vice-Chair: Valentin Nikonov (Israel)
 - Vice-Chair: Donald Macrae (UK)

GRM – PoW 2023 progress

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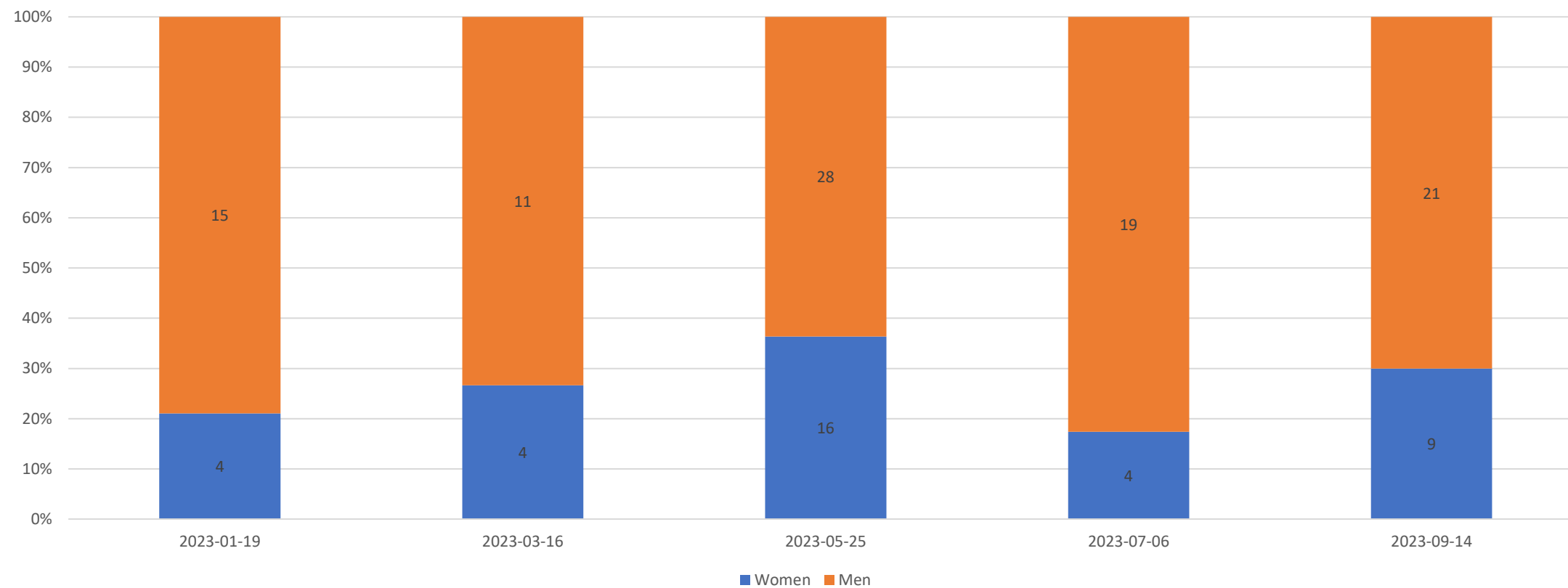
- 13. Risk management aims to safeguard against hazards that stem from the quality of products and services – or lack thereof – that have the potential to cause harm or damage the health and safety of consumers and the environment. Standards and technical regulations are – among other things – risk mitigation tools and they should be proportionate to risks they were set out to address. Development and enforcement of regulations require application of the state-of-the-art risk management tools. Taken collectively, regulations make products safe, make organizations’ processes stable and ensure consumers are better protected from hazards. The Group of Experts on Risk Management in Regulatory Systems (GRM) is the focal point within WP.6 for this work.
- 14. In the area of risk management, WP.6 plans to conduct the following activities:
 - a) Develop training materials and guidance documents on the implementation of the suite of risk management recommendations
 - b) Conduct a survey on the application of crisis management principles described in *Recommendation P on Risk Management in Regulatory Systems* during the COVID-19 crisis
 - c) Develop best practice on applying integrated risk management within the Single Window (in cooperation with the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business – UN/CEFACT)
 - d) Enhance cooperation through the secretariat of WP.6 with customs agencies, national trade facilitation bodies, and international organizations working in the field, with an objective to improve risk management procedures and harmonization and to contribute to the risk management activities of other international organizations
 - e) Establish and strengthen through the secretariat of WP.6 liaison with other risk management organizations

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Gender Balance in GRM Meetings



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Integrated Risk Management in Single Window Systems

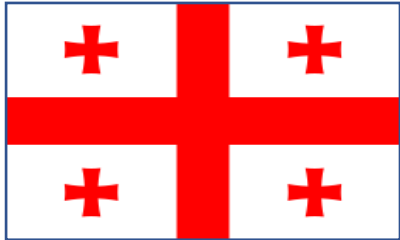
- To develop a guideline to describe best practices of coordinated risk management among multiple government agencies through a single window
- Based on the recommendations of WP.6 and UN/CEFACT

Surveys

- Survey on use of the principles in *Recommendation P* during the pandemic
- Survey on skills matrix of experts

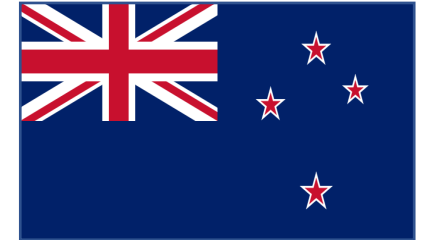
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Implements *Recommendation V*
Integrated risk management system for sanitary, phytosanitary, veterinary and food safety

Implements *Recommendation S*
Sets priorities in market surveillance based on evaluation of probability of non-compliance and consequences



Implements *Recommendation S*
Risk assessment tools sets priorities in market surveillance; classifies low, medium and high-risk levels

Implements *Recommendation V*
Cooperation between customs and product regulators.



Implements *Recommendation V*
Risk intelligence-based system integrated with the single window

Implements *Recommendation V*
Non compliance risks systematically addressed within border management procedures



Implements *Recommendation V*
Risk-Based Sampling Manual contains methodologies and tools to assist regulatory authorities

GRM – Pertinence of the topic today

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WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION



GRM – Future directions

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Develop training and guidance material

Survey on the application of *Recommendation P*

Best practice of integrated risk management within single window systems

Enhance cooperation with customs, NTFB & international organizations

Risk management aspects of artificial intelligence in products

Risk management in the context of SDG 14